

ABSTRACT

A system and method isolates a network management system from the network components that it monitors and controls. A network management system is connected to a port other than the network port of the network components via a terminal server. The terminal
5 server performs translations between communications to and from the serial ports and communications to and from the network management system. In this manner, connectivity between the management device and the network components is through a protocol which is not networkable, routable or both by the managed network device.